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TO: SERVICE DELIVERY AREA ADMINISTRATORS
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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF WELFARE-TO-WORK GRANT PROGRAM
CONSULTANT TEAMS

The purpose of this information bulletin is to advise you of a valuable resource to assist California's 58 County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and 52 Service Delivery Areas (SDAs) in the full implementation of the Department of Labor Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Grant Program. The 1999 WtW Amendments, enacted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2000, provide some long awaited changes to the eligibility requirements that will allow a greater number of hard-to-employ individuals to be served throughout the State with WtW Grant funds. Expanding the eligibility of this program beyond current welfare recipients to the working poor population is complex and entails many new challenges. To ensure maximum WtW Grant program utilization by CalWORKs participants and respond to an expanded eligible population, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Employment Development (EDD) Department have united in an effort to provide broader administrative and program support to local WtW Grant partners.

Ten (10) manager-level consultant positions have been established to provide hands-on assistance to local staff, directors and administrators of the WtW Grant program to promote effective program operations and ensure successful outcomes. The Team's initial efforts will focus on facilitating the coordination efforts of multiple partners at the local level and the effective resolution of issues which threaten the success of the program. The Teams will also be responsible for ensuring appropriate coordination with other local and State agencies including transportation, education, child care, substance abuse and mental health treatment providers.

Five positions have been assigned to each Department. Staff will work in pairs, with a representative from each Department comprising a WtW Grant Program Consultation/Liaison Team. These positions will work in tandem and serve as the single points of contact from EDD and CDSS to the local WtW Grant partners within assigned geographic areas of California.

The primary objective of each Team will be to:

- Ensure that the expenditure of WtW Grant program and State matching funds are accelerated in accordance with program requirements;
- Promote and facilitate full implementation of the WtW Grant Program in California;
- Serve as the primary point of CDSS/EDD contact on all issues related to the WtW Grant Program at the local level;
- Assure the availability of necessary tools and resources from CDSS/EDD for successful program implementation;
- Facilitate local coordination and collaboration among the WtW Grant partners to ensure comprehensive services to the hard-to-employ;
- Advise, recommend and facilitate effective resolution of sensitive WtW Grant policy and program issues;
- Advocate the perspectives and insights of the CWD and SDA administrators and directors in decision-making processes related to the WtW Grant program at the State level;
- Provide the CDSS/EDD management staff with up-to-date information regarding local issues, concerns and successes; and
- Serve as a resource to CDSS/EDD in key policy areas related to local program design and development.

A member of the WtW Grant Program Team will contact local CWDs and SDAs in the near future to offer program assistance. Since the Team is an important resource, we suggest that local entities begin to consider any critical program areas that need to be addressed in the local area and other ways the consultants can be of assistance. The names, telephone numbers and assigned geographic area of each Team are indicated below. Recruitment efforts to fill the vacant position in Region One are underway. During the interim, a full complement of Welfare-to-Work Grant Program staff support is available in the Region.

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CDSS and EDD share a strong commitment to the full and successful implementation of the WtW Grant Program in California. As part of that commitment, CDSS and EDD will continue to evaluate and share program strategies and performance to reinforce statewide policies aimed at program success and moving participants into lasting unsubsidized jobs.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Suzanne Nobles, Chief, Employment Bureau at (916) 654-2137 or Jim Curtis, Division Chief, Research, Evaluation and Demonstration Projects Division at (916) 654-7799.

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¹ Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

² Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma.

³ Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Mono, Kings, Madera, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus and Tulare.

⁴ Los Angeles and Ventura.

⁵ Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego.